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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A1, and A3 through A7 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited in the International Search Report in Applicants' International Application PCT/EP2005/001850. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner.

The relevance of documents A1, A2 and A8 is described in the present specification.

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Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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